

"It's a friend of mine—a Cheshire-Cat," said Alice: "allow me to introduce it."

"I don't like the look of it at all," said the King: "however, it may kiss my hand, if it likes."

"I'd rather not," the Cat remarked.

"Don't be impertinent," said the King, "and don't look at me like that!" He got behind Alice as he spoke.

"A cat may look at a king," said Alice. "I've read that in some book, but I don't remember where."

"Well, it must be removed," said the King very decidedly; and he called to the Queen, who was passing at the moment, "My dear! I wish you would have this cat removed!"

The Queen had only one way of settling all difficulties, great or small. "Off with his head!" she said without even looking round.

"I'll fetch the executioner myself," said the King eagerly, and he hurried off.

Alice thought she might as well go back and see how the game was going on, as she heard the Queen's voice in the distance, screaming with passion. She had already heard her sentence three of the players to be executed for having missed

their turns, and she did not
at all, as the game was in
never knew whether it was
she went off in search of

The hedgehog was engaged
other hedgehog, which seemed
lent opportunity for croquet
the other: the only difficulty
was gone across to the other
where Alice could see it
of way to fly up into a tree

By the time she had come
brought it back, the fight
hedgehogs were out of sight
ter much," thought Alice
gone from this side of the
it away under her arm, and
again, and went back to her
sation with her friend.

When she got back to the
surprised to find quite a
round it: there was a dispute
executioner, the King, and
all talking at once, while
silent, and looked very un